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July 17, 2019

BY ECF

The Honorable Edgardo Ramos
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Donald Blakstad, No. 19 Cr. 486 (ER)

Dear Judge Ramos:

The defendant was arrested in the Southern District of California on or about July 10, 2019 on the charges in the above-referenced Indictment.

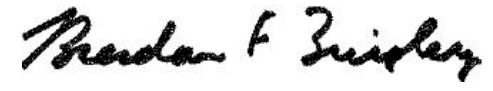
A status conference in this case is currently scheduled for tomorrow, July 18, 2019. However, based on my conversations with defense counsel and the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego, I understand that removal proceedings are still underway in the Southern District of California, and that the defendant's identity hearing/Rule 5(c)(3) hearing is not scheduled until July 24, 2019.

Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests to (i) adjourn tomorrow's conference to a time convenient to the Court during the week of July 29 and (ii) exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act until the scheduled conference date, given the "proceeding[s] relating to . . . the removal of [the] defendant from" the Southern District of California to this District, "under the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure," 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1)(E). Defense counsel has no objection to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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